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SUBJ: EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC) CONGRESS

SUMMARY: ETUC CONGRESS WILL CONVENE THIS MORNING MAY 23 IN

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COPENHAGEN TO ELECT OFFICERS AND ADOPT ACTION PROGRAM

FOR FORTHCOMING THREE YEAR PERIOD

AND TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP FOR TWELVE NEW ORGANIZATIONS. ON EVE  
OF CONGRESS QUESTION OF NEW OFFICERS STILL WIDE-OPEN MATTER OF SPEC-  
ULATION. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMEN AND LEADING FIGURES OF ALMOST EVERY WESTERN EUROPEAN  
TRADE UNION NATIONAL CENTER HAVE ASSEMBLED IN COPENHAGEN FOR OPENING  
OF FIRST REGULAR ETUC CONGRESS AT FOLKETS HUS, TRADITIONAL TRADE UNION  
ASSEMBLY HALL IN COPENHAGEN. PRINCIPAL BUSINESS BEFORE THE  
CONGRESS IS SELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS, ADOPTION OF AN ACTION PROGRAM  
AND AFFILIATION OF NEW MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

2. PROSPECTIVE OFFICERS QUESTION WAS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY REGIONAL  
CAUCUSES EVENING OF MAY 22. AT NORDIC MEETING THOMAS NIELSEN,  
CHAIRMAN OF DANISH LO, WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANOTHER NORDIC CENTER  
WILLING TO NOMINATE HIM FOR PRESIDENCY.  
HEINZ VETTER, DGB CHAIRMAN, HAS BACKED AWAY FROM HIS EARLIER  
PROMISE TO SUPPORT NIELSEN AND WITHOUT DGB BACKING NORDICS ARE  
NOT BOUND TO BACK NIELSEN. CHRISTIAN UNIONS (WCL AFFILIATES),  
WHO ARE EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED AS NEW AFFILIATES, ARE URGING VETTER  
TO BE A CANDIDATE HIMSELF, AS NEITHER DEBUNNE OF BELGIAN FGTB OR  
NIELSEN ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS  
THAT VETTER MAY RUN AND BECOME NEXT PRESIDENT.

3. ETUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET THIS MORNING MAY 23 AND DELEGATED  
ENTIRE QUESTION OF NEW OFFICERS TO PRAESIDIUM OF CURRENT OFFICERS,  
LORD FEATHER, VETTER, NIELSEN AND DEBUNNE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERA-  
TION. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL RECONVENE MORNING MAY 25 TO HEAR THEIR  
REPORT AND PREPARE NOMINATIONS TO THE CONGRESS, WITH ELECTIONS SCHE-  
DULED FOR LATE THAT MORNING.

4. A TWELVE PAGE ACTION PROGRAM WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CONGRESS  
SETTING OUT GENERAL AIMS, PRIORITIES AND METHODS OF ACTION DURING  
NEXT THREE YEARS. DEBATE ON THIS PROGRAM WILL OCCUPY MAY 23 AND  
24 SESSIONS WITH RESOLUTION SCHEDULED FOR ADOPTION AT MORNING  
SESSION MAY 25, PRIOR TO ELECTIONS.

5. APPROVAL OF TWELVE NEW APPLICANT NATIONAL CENTERS IS EXPECTED  
TO CAUSE NO PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH IT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING FIRST CLOSED  
SESSION MAY 23.

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